

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 201690

13

ORIGIN CU-04

INFO OCT-01 EUR-06 ISO-00 USIA-12 /023 R

DRAFTED BY CU/EE:MRBRANDT:EFORD:MM

APPROVED BY CU/EE:EFORD

USIA/IEE:GCALLAWAY DRAFT

CU/CP:ICARSTONES DRAFT

CU:AREICH INFO

CU/IVP:YRICHMOND INFO

EUR/EE:EHURWITZ INFO

EUR/SES:RTITUS INFO

----- 083400

R 111918Z OCT 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY SOFIA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 201690

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, BU

SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: VOLUNTARY VISITOR ALAN GERSHWIN

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT ALAN GERSHWIN HAS BEEN INVITED BY BULGARIAN COMMITTEE FOR FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURAL RELATIONS TO VISIT BULGARIA AS SON OF COMPOSER GEORGE GERSHWIN. IT IS PROBLEMATIC WHETHER ALAN GERSHWIN WILL ACTUALLY MAKE TRIP INASMUCH AS HE IS APPARENTLY HAVING DIFFICULTY RAISING FUNDS FOR TRAVEL.

2. GERSHWIN HAS APPROACHED DEPARTMENT FOR "LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION" WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT, GIVE OFFICIAL U.S. BLESSING TO HIS VISIT. DEPARTMENT RELUCTANT TO BECOME INVOLVED, HOWEVER, AND HAS LET HIM KNOW INFORMALLY THAT SUCH LETTER CANNOT BE FURNISHED. FYI: RELIABLE SOURCES DENY THAT ALAN IS GEORGE GERSHWIN'S SON.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED ABOUT PROGRAM PROPOSED FOR GERSHWIN IN BULGARIA. SHOULD HE MAKE TRIP AND  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 201690

CONTACT EMBASSY, HE SHOULD BE TREATED AS ANY OTHER AMERICAN

CITIZEN. IF COMMITTEE FOR FRIENDSHIP QUERIES EMBASSY REGARDING GERSHWIN, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID TAKING ANY OFFICIAL POSITION ON VALIDITY OF ALAN'S CLAIM TO BE SON OF GEORGE GERSHWIN. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 11 OCT 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** collinp0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973STATE201690  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** MRBRANDT:EFORD:MM  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19731038/aaaabbow.tel  
**Line Count:** 65  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ORIGIN CU  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** collinp0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 SEP 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <06-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <22 FEB 2002 by collinp0>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EXCHANGES: VOLUNTARY VISITOR ALAN GERSHWIN  
**TAGS:** OEXC, BU  
**To:** SOFIA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005